



# DIA SPOT REPORT

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DATE: 17 October 1973

TIME: 2115 EDT

SUBJECT: SOVIET TACTICAL AIR FORCE NOW IS FLYING IN FORWARD AREA

REFERENCE: a. DIA Spot Report #44D

b. UKA 277 2/4P/12820-73 (CMA)

1. (SS) References (a) and (b) both stated that as of 1130Z 16 October there had been no tactical flying activity by Soviet Air Forces in East Germany, Poland, and Czechoslovakia and by the East German and Polish Air Forces.

2. (SS) Soviet Tactical Air Forces have resumed flying in East Germany, Poland and Czechoslovakia. In addition, the Soviet Air Force in Poland carried out an air-to-surface missile training exercise in the Baltic Sea on 17 October. The East German Armed Forces however, remain on a low-level alert status. The East German Air Force has not flown since 15 October.

COMMENT: The lack of flight activity in the Forward Area on 16 October can probably be attributed to the extremely poor weather conditions prevailing in the area at the time.

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